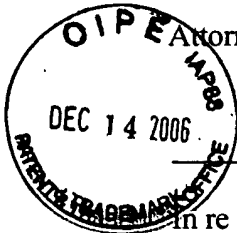


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Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of July 11, 2006. Please charge the amount of \$450 in payment of the government fee for a two-month extension of time to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account so that the period for response is extended to December 11, 2006. If any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the above-referenced application, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.